

Last time = Line integrals

Fundamental Theorem of Line integrals

Give curve C parameterized by $\vec{r}(t)$ on $[a, b]$ and f a function w/ continuous partial derivatives. Then

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

where C is oriented from $\vec{r}(a)$ to $\vec{r}(b)$

Recall switching the orientation of curve C negates the corresponding line integral. i.e. $\int_{-C} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = -\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r}$

Ex: compute $\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r}$ for $\vec{v} = \langle \sin y, x \cos(y) + \cos z, -y \sin(z) \rangle$ and curve C parameterized by $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \sin t, t, 2t \rangle$ on $[\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}]$

Sol: First we check \vec{v} is conservative.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [V_x] = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\sin y] = \cos(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} [V_x] = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [\sin y] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [V_y] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x \cos(y) + \cos z] = \cos(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} [V_y] = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [x \cos(y) + \cos z] = -\sin(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [V_z] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [-y \sin(z)] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [V_z] = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [-y \sin(z)] = -\sin(z)$$

\therefore by a previous result \vec{v} is conservative

i.e. $\vec{v} = \nabla f$ for some function f .

Next, we compute such a potential function.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sin y$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x \cos(y) + \cos(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = -y \sin z$$

$$f(x, y, z) = \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} dz = \int -y \sin z dz = y \cos z + C(x, y)$$

$$\sin(y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [y \cos(z) + C(x, y)] = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}$$

$$\therefore C(x, y) = \int \sin(y) dx = \int \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} dx = x \sin(y) + D(y)$$

$$\text{hence } f(x, y, z) = y \cos(z) + C(x, y) = y \cos(z) + x \sin(y) + D(y)$$

$$\therefore x \cos(y) + \cos(z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [y \cos(z) + x \sin(y) + D(y)]$$

$$= \cos z + x \cos(y) + D'(y)$$

$$\therefore D'(y) = 0 \quad \text{So } D(y) = E \text{ is constant.}$$

$$\therefore f(x, y, z) = y \cos(z) + x \sin(y) \text{ is a potential for } \vec{v} \quad \text{FTLI}$$

(setting $E=0$)

$$\therefore \text{we may express } \int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{r}(b) = \vec{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \left\langle \sin \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right\rangle = \left\langle 1, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi \right\rangle$$

$$\text{and } \vec{r}(a) = \vec{r}(0) = \langle \sin 0, 0, 2 \cdot 0 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} &= f\left(1, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right) - f(0, 0, 0) \\ &= \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \pi + 1 \sin \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - (0 \cos 0 + 0 \sin 0) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2}(-1) + 1 - 0 = 1 - \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Independence of Paths for Line integrals of conservative vector fields

Prop: Suppose C and D are two paths between the same endpoints α and β and suppose \vec{v} is conservative. Then

$$\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_D \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\text{Pf: Apply FTLI: } \int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\beta) - f(\alpha) \text{ where } \nabla f = \vec{v}$$

$$\int_D \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\beta) - f(\alpha) = \int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Prop: If \vec{v} satisfies $\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_D \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r}$ for all C, D paths between the same endpoints on some open region R and if the components of \vec{v} are all cts on R , then \vec{v} is conservative

Picture:



pt: Fix any point α in R .
 Define $f(\beta) = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r}$

$= \int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r}$ where C is any curve from α to β

By independence of paths, f is well defined moreover,
 $f' = \vec{v}$ (exercise, use the FTC) Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Observation: If \vec{v} is conservative and C is a closed curve
 (i.e. C starts and ends at the same point), then
 $\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$

conversely, if $\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$ for all closed C , then \vec{v} is conservative

↳ Exercise, (hint: independence of paths)

§ 16.4: Green's Theorem.

IDEA: In some special cases, line integrals can be computed via double integrals.

Prop (Green's Theorem): Let D be a region in \mathbb{R}^2 with a piecewise-smooth boundary curve ∂D

If $P(x, y)$ and $Q(x, y)$ have cts partial derivatives on some open region \mathcal{O} containing D , then we have

$$\int_{\partial D} P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

NB: For this theorem to hold, ∂D needs the positive orientation

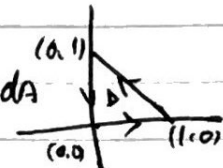
NB: Because the curve is p.w. smooth and ∂D is "simple" close region

picture



Ex. compute $\int_C x^2 dx + x y dy$ for C the curve positively oriented around the triangle with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$, and $(0, 1)$

Sol: By ~~the~~ Green's Theorem

$$\int_{\partial D} x^4 dx + xy dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [xy] - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^4] \right) dA$$


$$= \iint_D y - 0 dA$$

Note $D = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1-x\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\partial D} x^4 dx + xy dy &= \iint_D y dA \\ &= \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^{1-x} y dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^1 \left[\frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]_{y=0}^{1-x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{x=0}^1 ((1-x)^2 - 0) dx \quad \begin{array}{l} u = 1-x \\ du = -dx \end{array} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{3} (1-x)^3 \right]_{x=0}^1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} ((1-1)^3 - (1-0)^3) \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} (-1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Reminder: Green's theorem only works when the curve is a simple, closed curve in the plane \mathbb{R}^2

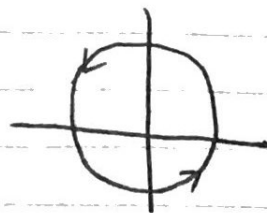
Ex: Compute $\int_C (3y - e^{\sin(x)}) dx + (7x + \sqrt{y^2+1}) dy$ for C the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 9$

picture

Sol: $\int_{\partial D} (3y - e^{\sin(x)}) dx + (7x + \sqrt{y^2+1}) dy$

Green's Theorem = $\iint_D \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [7x + \sqrt{y^2+1}]$

$- \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [3y - e^{\sin(x)}] dA$



$$= \iint_D (7-3) dA = 4 \iint_D dA = 4 \text{ Area}(D) = 4 \cdot \pi(3)^2 = 36\pi$$